

<b>Establish prerelease center in northwestern Montana</b>		<b>Agency/Program #:</b> 6401-02-I1
		<b>Division:</b> Community Corrections
		<b>Program:</b> Prerelease
<b>Agency Name:</b>	Department of Corrections	
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**Program or Project Description:**

The Adult Prerelease Unit contracts with seven non-profit prerelease centers for housing, treatment and supervision of 626 men and 174 women. These centers provide transition from prison to community and an alternative to prison for "diverted" offenders when public safety and the offenders' interests are best served by a level of supervision between prison and probation.

Appropriation, Expenditure and Source				
Fund Name:	2008		2009	
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended
General Fund	0	0	1,186,250	0
State Special				
Federal Funds				
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,186,250</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of August 31, 2008

**Legislative Goal(s):**

Establish prerelease center in northwestern Montana.

**Legislative Performance Measures :**

Update on milestones leading toward opening of center

- status of citing
- RFP issuance
- opening date

Increase in diversions/alternatives as a result of having pre-release in NW Montana (not available until end of this biennium)

2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:		Completion Dates	
		Target	Actual
1	Public notification --	11/1/2007	
2	Established a community working committee to	January to March 2008	
3	Community survey, public hearings and work on community acceptance	April 2008 to May 2008	
4	Issue RFP, select a contractor and begin work on facility	July 2008 to October 2008	
5	Facility construction, programming development and facility ramp-up:	October 2008 to April 2009	

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**Agency Performance Report:**

On May 8th, 2008, the Department of Corrections Prerelease Contract manager conducted a public hearing at the Expo Center in Kalispell. The meeting was held in accordance with the governing Administrative Rules of Montana. This meeting was followed by a non-biased, scientifically based, statistically valid survey of the citizens of the Kalispell area, conducted by Montana State University-Billings. The survey returned that 61% of the Kalispell area population was either not apposed or for the construction of a 40 bed male Prelease facility in the greater Kalispell area. On June 3, 2008, the Kalispell Prelease Working Committee voted to forward the project and cleared the way for the release of the RFP. The RFP was issued July 28, 2008 and the pre-proposal conference was conducted the 7th of August. Four potential bidders showed for the conference. RFP Due date is Sept 11, 2008 and intended date for contract award is October 27, 2008.

**LFD Narrative:**

LFD Assessment: On track

Data Relevance: Yes

Appropriation Status: Provided

Comments/Issues: Because the anticipated opening date of the new prerelease center is April 2009 it is likely that the entire appropriation provided for this purpose will not be expended.

Options:

- Change LFD Assessment



Version	Date	Author
AO-1	12/05/07	Gervais
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Change Description
1st report
June 2008 update, changed version to reflect section d
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